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# NEWS RELEASE

### *Officer-Involved Shooting*

On September 21, 2001 at approximately 8:30 p.m., SAPD officers were in the area of the 800 Blk. of E. Highland Blvd attempting to locate a suspect involved in a Burglary of a vehicle/Stabbing (SAPD case #01-633272). While patrolling the area, Officer E. Keith, a seven year SAPD veteran, saw a male acting suspicious behind 856 E. Highland. Suspecting that the male was attempting to break into a parked Ford Mustang, Officer Keith decided to investigate further. While approaching the male, Officer Keith ordered the subject to place his hands on top of the Mustang. Instead, the male turned towards Officer Keith, at which point Officer Keith was able to see that the male was armed with a large screwdriver. The male then started to lunge towards Officer Keith in a manner that led Officer Keith to believe he may be stabbed. Fearing for his life, Officer Keith fired his service weapon twice striking the male once in the torso and once in the upper leg area. After being shot, the suspect ran several yards before falling. The suspect was transported to University Hospital in serious condition, where he is currently being treated. Officer Keith was not injured during the incident. At this point it is not believed that this suspect was involved in the original call that led Officer Keith to the 800 Blk. of Highland Blvd.

As with standard procedure, Officer Keith will be placed on administrative duty pending the investigation. Once the suspect is formally charged, his name will be released to the media/public.

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